

we pass the lottery bill as the committee has advanced it to the floor it will add another \$15 to \$25 million to the homestead exemption fund and people will be seeing a lot more property tax relief than they are now so I would urge you to vote against advancing LB 396.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator DeCamp. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please vote.

CLERK: Senator Beutler voting yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Higgins, did you wish to be recognized for....?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would like a point of clarification. Can this bill be held on Final Reading?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Can the bill be held on Final Reading?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: If the appropriate motion is made it can be held on Final Reading, yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Please vote. Mr. Clerk, record the vote.

CLERK: 20 ayes, 8 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Debate does not cease. Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the body, it appears to me that we are no longer arguing or questioning the merits or demerits of the bill. We are only questioning the position on which the bill is going to be held. I think it has been clearly identified here that we are willing to hold the bill on Final Reading. I think that the suggestion of Senator Johnson in cooperation with the Speaker is realistic and one that we should accept and I think that again, the arguments that are being presented are on the bill itself, not on the position of the bill and I think that is where we should make our decision. Thank you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, members of the body, I do support advancing this bill. We're always talking about that